

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:

a discriminating unit ~~for discriminating~~ adapted to discriminate whether or not an image is ~~an image including~~ includes a deteriorated image ~~or not~~;

a processing unit ~~for deteriorating the whole image~~ adapted to render, if it is determined by said discriminating unit discriminates that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image, the image based on the deteriorated image and a non-deteriorated image included in the image, to compress the rendered image causing deterioration to the rendered image, and to save the compressed image; and

a printing unit ~~for printing~~ adapted to print the image processed by said processing unit.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
[[said]] the deterioration includes deterioration due to compression.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
when a display list is formed, if it is ~~determined by~~ said discriminating unit discriminates that the image is ~~the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, said processing unit

decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression ~~which causes the~~ causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein upon rendering, if ~~it is determined by~~ said discriminating unit discriminates that the image ~~is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, said processing unit decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression ~~which causes the~~ causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A printing method comprising:

- a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image ~~is an~~ image including includes a deteriorated image ~~[[or not]]~~;
- a processing step of deteriorating the whole image if ~~it is determined by~~ said discriminating step discriminates that the image ~~is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image; and
- a printing step of printing the image processed ~~[[by]]~~ in said processing step,

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image, said processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs compression on the decompressed image causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the image.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method according to claim 6, wherein  
[[said]] the deterioration includes deterioration due to compression.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A printing method comprising:  
a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image  
includes a deteriorated image;  
a processing step of deteriorating the image if said discriminating  
step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and  
a printing step of printing the image processed in said processing  
step.

~~A method according to claim 6, wherein, when a display list is~~  
~~formed[[,]] and if it is determined by said discriminating step~~ discriminates ~~that the image~~  
~~is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, ~~said processing step decompresses~~  
~~the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression which causes~~  
compresses the decompressed image causing ~~the deterioration to the decompressed image,~~  
~~thereby deteriorating the whole image.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): A printing method comprising:  
a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image  
includes a deteriorated image;

a processing step of deteriorating the image if said discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and  
a printing step of printing the image processed in said processing step.

~~A method according to claim 6, wherein upon rendering, if it is determined by said discriminating step~~ discriminates ~~that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image, said processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression which causes~~ compresses the decompressed image causing the deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A ~~program product~~ computer-readable storage medium for storing a program, said program comprising:

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image includes ~~is an image including~~ a deteriorated image [[or not]];

a processing step of deteriorating the ~~whole~~ image if ~~it is determined by said~~ code for a discriminating step discriminates ~~that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image; and~~

code for a printing step of printing the image processed by said code for a processing step,

wherein, if said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image, said code for a processing step decompresses the

image including the deteriorated image and performs compression on the decompressed image causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the image.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A product program according to claim 11, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the deterioration includes deterioration due to compression.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program, said program comprising:

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image includes a deteriorated image;

code for a processing step of deteriorating the image if said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and

code for a printing step of printing the image processed by said code for a processing step.

~~A product according to claim 11, wherein, when a display list is formed[[,]] and if it is determined by said~~ code for a discriminating step discriminates ~~that the image is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, said code for a processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs compression which causes compresses the decompressed image causing the deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program, said program comprising:

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image includes a deteriorated image;

code for a processing step of deteriorating the image if said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and

code for a printing step of printing the image processed by said code for a processing step.

~~A method according to claim 11, wherein upon rendering, if it is determined by said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image, said code for a processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs compression which causes compresses the decompressed image causing the deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.~~